

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please amend Figures 1-4 to include the label --PRIOR ART--
as indicated on the attached replacement drawing sheets.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

In light of the above amendments and remarks to follow, entry of this amendment and reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. Claims 5-22 are canceled.

The drawings were objected to for not being designated as PRIOR ART. Replacement drawing sheets of Figures 1-4, including the label PRIOR ART, are presented. Accordingly, this objection has been overcome.

The Abstract was objected to for being longer than 150 words. The Abstract has been reduced to less than 150 words. Accordingly, this objection has been overcome.

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have amended claims 1-4 to clarify that the correction of said image signal is a three-dimensional correction. This correction is performed by the three-dimensional correction unit 5, the white balance adjustment unit 3, and the gamma correction unit 4 shown in Figure 5. Accordingly, Applicants believe this rejection has been overcome.

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Watanabe et al. (U.S. Patent 5,519,518). The present claims now recite "wherein the three-dimensional correction includes a white balance adjustment and a gamma correction." (Claim 1) The white balance adjustment unit 3 is disclosed on page 20 and shown in Figure 5. Applicants respectfully assert that Watanabe does not disclose performing a

white balance adjustment "on said image signal applied to said spatial light modulation element in accordance with a current shielding amount of said shielding means for each of said plurality of areas" as required in the present claims. Accordingly, for at least this reason, Watanabe fails to anticipate the present invention and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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